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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
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In re Application of: Schneider, et al.)
Serial No.: 09/115,953)
Filed: July 15, 1998)
For: Long-Lasting Aqueous Dispersions)
Or Suspensions Of Pressure-Resistant)
Gas-Filled Microvesicles And Methods)
For The Preparation Thereof)

Art Unit: 1616
Examiner: M. Hartley

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT


Applicants respectfully submit this Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 in order to comply with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. These references are listed on the attached modified PTO Form No. 1449. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. A copy of each of these references has already been provided to the Examiner in the file of Serial No. 08/740,653. Consideration of these documents is requested.

Applicants understand that the Examiner is already aware of the several pending and resolved interferences relating to the general subject matter of this application, including the January 31, 2003 "Decision on Motions; Show Cause Order" which was issued from The Board of Appeals and Patent Interferences in Interference Nos. 103,880, 103,881 and 104,154. Among the decisions rendered in these papers were orders to show cause concerning the patentability of the parties' claims.

Nevertheless, to unequivocally confirm for the record the satisfaction of Applicants' duty of candor under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 with respect to those interferences, Applicants hereby submit this paper and encourage the Examiner to consider these interferences, including Applicants' other interferences and interference requests. Applicants understand that the Examiner has access to the Decision on Motions; Show Cause Order and any other papers related to interferences. If the Applicants can be of service in providing additional information or copies of the papers, Applicants would be pleased to help.

No fee is required. If there are additional fees, please charge them to our firm Deposit Account No. 14-1140.

Respectfully submitted,

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